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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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15/04/2010: Three members of the Yamato Amateur Club, Mat JA1JQY (P29VJY), Sasi JA1KJW (P29VKJ) and Kuni JA8VE (P29VEK) will be QRV from New Britain Island (OC-008) from 15-23 April 2010. They will set up two stations and operate all bands, CW and SSB. QSL information: P29VJY (QSL via JA1JQY - Shigeo Matsui, 2-31-10 Shimoseya, Seya, Yokohama 246-0035, Japan); P29VKJ (QSL via JA1KJW - Hisashi Nakayama, 1-17-8 Sibuya, Yamato, 242-0023, Japan); P29VEK (QSL via JA8VE - Kunio Saito, 2-26-5-554 Nishitsuruma, Yamato, 242-0005, Japan). [F5NQL]

15/04/2010: Seppo, OH1VR will be visiting the island of Crete (IOTA EU-015, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA LH-1400) from 15th to 21st April 2010. If time allows, he plans to be active as SV9/OH1VR. QSL via home call. Website: www.oh1vr.net/ [NG3K]

15/04/2010: Finally Frank, F4DTO and Patrick, F4GFE have decided to go to Albania instead of the damage Xinthia left to their homes. They will sign ZA/homecalls from 15-24th April 2010, using SSB only. QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. [F5NQL]

16/04/2010: Look for Pedro, HK3JJH to be active as 5K4T from isla Playa Blanca (HK4, IOTA SA-084) on 16-19 April 2010. He will focus his activity on 14260 and 7150 kHz SSB. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

16/04/2010: Radio Club Stakhanov (UR4MWN) will be active as EM0MFF from WFF NEW ONE Luhans'kyi Nature Reserve, a Ukrainian steppe reserve, on 16-18 April 2010. Reference will be URFF-014. Operators include Andrey UX7MA, Anatoliy UR4MHT, Sergey US5MMY and Sergey US5MMH. QRV 80-10m, CW and SSB. QSL via UX7MA, direct or bureau. [URFF/425 DX News]

16/04/2010: The Regional Radiosport Club will operate with HG0WFF once again from the Bihari-Sik Natural Reserve (HAFF-012) on 16-18 April 2010. The operation will goes on all HF bands on CW and SSB modes. Equipment: FT-840, IC-706 MKII, MOS FET vegfok, kb. 300 W output, 2x22m doublet with 450 ohm ladder line, Monoband Gp's for 40, 30, 20 metres, and a big battery with generator. Operators include Pisti HA0ANA, Laci HA0HW, Toni HA0LG and Viktor HG0NAZ. QSL via HA0HW, via HA bureau. [HA0HW]

16/04/2010: Members of J42ARET will be active on 17-18 April 2010 as SX2WFF from the National Park of Prespes (WFF SVFF-008), that administrativly belongs to the Municipality of Prespes. QRV on 80-10 metres, using CW and SSB. Frequencies: SSB - 3.744, 7.144, 14.244, 18.144, 21.244, 24.944, 28.444 MHz; CW - 3.544, 7.024, 10.124, 14.044, 18.084, 21.044, 24.844, 28.044 MHz. QSL cards via eQSL, bureau or direct. In case of direct send a SAE (Self Addressed Envelope) + sufficient postage fee (2GSs or 1 IRC) or even better only a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to SV2GWY: Demetrius Anastasiades, 28HS Oktobriou 3 St. Tagarades, 57001 Thessaloniki, Greece. An online log

will be available after the expedition. Website: www.j42aret.gr/website/ [J42ARET/425 DX News]

16/04/2010: Operators Nick YO5ALI, Dan YO5BRE, Feri YO5OED, Sanyi YO5OAG & xyl Eva YO5OGT will be active as YP1WFF from the Apuseni Natural Park (WFF YOFF-020) on 16-18th April 2010. QRV on the HF bands using CW and SSB, with IC-7400, FT-847, wire antenna. QSL via YO5OED, direct or bureau. [YO3JW]

16/04/2010: The Grupo DX Caracas and the Amateur Radio Association of Venezuela organize an operation from Mount Roraima to take place on 16-18 April 2010. Mount Roraima (2810 metres a.s.l.) marks the border between Venezuela, Brazil and Guyana. Special station YW6R will be active on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres SSB and CW. QSL via W4SO. [425 DX News]

17/04/2010: Fran?ois, F5JNE will sign HC/p along with Gerard, F6ICG on 17 April 2010 from the Castle of Trion (DFCF 89-316), in the city of Coulanges sur Yonne (CP 89480) and Canton [County] of Coulanges sur Yonne (DDCF 89-13), Department Yonne/89 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). QRV 80 and 40 metre CW and SSB, starting around 0600 UTC. QSL via the bureau and SWL cards are welcome [F5NQL]

17/04/2010: The Silesia Radioamateur Group SP9YFF will be active as homecall/p on 17 April 2010 from the Lipienniki w Dabrowie Gorniczej National Park (WFF SPFF-195). QSL via SQ9IDG, direct or bureau. [DF6EX]

17/04/2010: Team VE3ZF will be active from Twilight Island (CIsA ON-018), Manitoulin district, on 17th and 18th April 2010 in the "Ontario QSO Party" contest. Team members will be Val VE3VO, Max VE3CCN, Evgeny VA3ATT and Igor VE3ZF. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. Rules for the Ontario QSO Party contest are posted at: cco.ve3xd.com/oqp/rules.htm [VE3ZF/VE2IDX]

17/04/2010: The Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club, W2GSB will hold a special event station at the Boy Scout Camporee, at Cedar Beach, Fire Island (IOTA NA-026, USi NY013S) on 17 April 2010 between 1100z and 2300z. This activation will also count for the Fire Island lightouse (ARLHS USA-286, TWLHD WLH K-060, WLOTA LH-1922, Admiralty J1016). They plan to be QRV on 14.225 MHz SSB, 7.175 MHz SSB, 3.850 MHz SSB and 14.070 MHz PSK. QSL via W2GSB (QRZ.com). [ARRL]

17/04/2010: Darryl, W5VK and Chuck, WA4IIF will attempt to qualify three Alabama coastal islands (Robinson [USi AL033], Bird [AL034] and West [AL035]) on Saturday, 17 April 2010. All three islands are located in Perdido Bay, Baldwin county, State of Alabama. They will be operating around 14.255 MHz during the middle part of the day. QSL via home call. [USi]

17/04/2010: Page, WA3EOP will be on the road and will try a few hours on Fenwick Island (USi DE002S, Not IOTA, Sussex County), State of Delaware, as WA3EOP/m on 17th April 2010. QRV probably on 20 metres and or maybe 40 metres, from 1830-1930 UTC. Page could be on the OMISS Net on 14.290 MHz and before and after that on the more traditional island frequencies. QSL via home call. [USi]

18/04/2010: Look for Dan, YO6EZ and Victor, YO6MP to be active as homecall/p on 18 April 2010 from the National Park Piatra Craiului (WFF YOFF-010). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [DF6EX]

20/04/2010: Members of TCSWAT will be active as TC1GLH on 20-22 April 2010 from the ?anakkale Gelibolu Lighthouse (ARLHS TUR-023) for Marmara Lighthouse On The Air 6th Station. Contact can be used for the MLOTA Award. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via TCSWAT / Op A.K.Tevfik, TA1HZ, PO Box 73 Karakoy, Istanbul 34421, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. Website: www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TC1GLH.PDF [TCSWAT]

22/04/2010: Helmut, DL7VOX will be active as DL7VOX/p from Usedom Island (EU-129, GIA O-13) and lighthouse (Admiralty C2867.1, ARLHS FED-359, WLOTA LH-1640) between 22 April and 11 May 2010. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands, using 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via DL7VOX, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

23/04/2010: Steve, W7VOA plans to be active as A52SW from Thimpu, Bhutan, from about 23rd April until 1st May 2010, at least. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres with 100 watts and a full-length. It will be a business trip and Steve will be active mainly on weekends and during his evening weekday hours. QSL via K2AU, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [425 DX News]

23/04/2010: Jens DK8MIL, Thomas DK9BTX, Mathias DJ9MD and Jan DK7JAN will be active 23-26th April 2010 as DF0TM from the island of Amrum (IOTA EU-042, GIA N-018, WLOTA LH-2464). QRV on the HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL via the DARC bureau. If you need a direct reply send a SAE and the equivalent of 1.70 EUR, which is the price for a standard world-wide letter in Germany, or two IRCs (preferred) to: Jens Sa?e, M?hlenfeldstr. 8, D-28832 Achim, Germany. [rsgbiota.org]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

29/04/2010: Look for special event station 8J6DON to be active between 29 April and 5 May 2010 to celebrate the Hakata Dontaku Port Festival, Fukuoka-city, Fukuoka prefecture, Kyushu region, island of Kyushu (AS-077, JIIA AS-077-001, WLOTA LH-0963), Japan. The festival originates from the local custom dating back to the Heian period (13th century), called 'toka' or 'matsubayashi,' during which the local people praised the feudal lord on the occasion of New Year. It is said that the upper class people of Hakata walked around the town on their way back from the castle. The word 'Dontaku' comes from the Dutch word 'Zontag', meaning holiday. The festival was first referred to as 'Dontaku' in the Meiji period (late 19th century) when the once-prohibited 'matsubayashi' was revived. Today it is celebrated as a citizens' festival and many people from in and outside Fukuoka city, including from overseas, get together on May 3rd and 4th to celebrate. The whole city eagerly awaits the start of one of the most exciting carnivals in Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2010: The special event station 8J2SEA will be active between 1 May and 13 June 2010 for the 30th All Japan Making Rich Sea Conference in Gifu prefecture, Chubu region, island of Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA LH-2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2010: Look for special event stations 3H100TW, 3T100TW and 3T0TW to be QRV from Taipei, Taiwan (AS-020, WLOTA LH-0022), between 1 May and 31 December 2010, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Republic Of China (Taiwan). QSL all three callsigns via the bureau. [dx-world.net]

01/05/2010: Tokyo Dental College ARC members JE1SCF, JG4IQC and JF1QQR will be active as JA1YUC/1 on 1-4th May 2010 from Nii Island (IOTA AS-008, JIIA AS-008-007, WLOTA LH-0509), Tokyo prefecture. QRV all bands/modes. QSL via the bureau to JA1YUC preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

05/05/2010: Helmut, DL5DSM and Bernhard, DL9UBF will be active 5-10th May 2010 as LA/homecall from Vardo Island [aka Vardoe, Vard?] (EU-141, WLOTA LH-0106). QRV on the HF bands using SSB, 100 Watts and verticals. QSL via their home calls, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

06/05/2010: Special event station 8J4BARA will be aired on 6-16th May 2010 for the Fukuyama City Bara (or Rose) Festival, Hiroshima prefecture, Chugoku region, island of Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA LH-2376), Japan. In the middle of May, when the roses across the city begin to bloom, a variety of events are held, primarily at the Rose Park and Midori-machi Park. These events include a rose contest, flower arrangement, a rose music festival, a plaza festival and a rose parade. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

13/05/2010: The Modena DX Italy Team (www.modxit.it/) is organizing a new DXpedition to Sveti Nikola Island (EU-110, ACIA IC-516, IOCA CI-118, MIA MC-414, WLOTA LH-3152, WW Loc. JN65TF) on 13-17th May 2010. Operators and callsigns will be Sergio 9A/IZ4BBF, Augusto 9A/IK4RQJ and Tony 9A/IK2SNG. They plan to operate CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY on HF bands (WARC included) with 100 watts and vertical antennas. QSL via home calls. Note: QSL cards will be printed within 3 months after DXpedition. [DE0MST]

21/05/2010: Members of TCSWAT will be active as TC1HLH on 21-23 May 2010 from the Tekirdag Hosk?y Lighthouse (ARLHS TUR-025) for Marmara Lighthouse On The Air 7th Station. Contact can be used for the MLOTA Award. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via TCSWAT / Op A.K.Tevfik, TA1HZ, PO Box 73 Karakoy, Istanbul 34421, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. Website: www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TC1HLH.PDF [TCSWAT]

29/05/2010: Valery, RD3AF will be active as EF8M during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (29-30th May) from Santa Maria de Guia, Las Palmas Gran Canaria (AF-004, DIE S-005, ESA GC, WLOTA LH-0969) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via UA3DX. [NG3K]

29/05/2010: Bernie, ZS4TX will be active from South Africa as ZS9X in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (29-30th May) as a Single-Op/Single-Band entry. QSL via LoTW. [AT International]

12/06/2010: Steve, G0SGB will visit the islands of Malta (IOTA EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA LH-1113) and Gozo (IOTA EU-023, MIA MM-004, WLOTA LH-0046) from 12-25th June 2010. This activity will focus on lighthouse activations from Malta and Gozo as 9H3BS. The major lighthouse on Gozo will be over the weekend of 19-20th June 2010. Steve will be operating from All Lighthouses. Some references may include: Delimara Point [Malta] (Admiralty E2070, ARLHS MLT-001); Valletta, Fort St. Elmo [Malta] (Admiralty E2061.5, ARLHS MLT-007); St. Elmo, Grand Harbour West Breakwater [Malta] (Admiralty E2062, ARLHS MLT-002); Giordan [Gozo] (Admiralty E2050, ARLHS MLT-003); Mgarr Main Breakwater [Gozo] (Admiralty E2051); Mgarr South Breakwater [Gozo] (Admiralty E2051-2); and others. QSL via home call, direct only. Further information at: www.barls.org.uk/ [rsgbiota.org & G0SGB]

12/06/2010: Look for Russell, G5XW to be active 12-19th June 2010 as 9H3XW from the island of Malta (IOTA EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA LH-1113).

QRV on the HF bands, using SSB (no set times or frequencies). QSL via home call, direct only (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

11/07/2010: Maarten ("Moj"), PA3GZU will be active between 11th July and 7th August 2010 as DU9/PA3GZU from the island of Mindanao (OC-130, WLOTA LH-2803). Holiday style operation, on and off. Priority will be given to 20m and 40/15/10m depending on conditions. Modes USB/BPSK31/CW. QSL via home call by the bureau preferred. There will be a delay but received QSL cards will get answered. Do not surface mail without return postage coverage. [rsgbiota.org]

24/07/2010: The Hills Amateur Radio Group, VK6AHR, will be active 24-25th July 2010, during the RSGB IOTA Contest, from Rottnest Island (OC-164, WLOTA LH-2197). Operators will be Marty VK6FDX, Heath VK6TWO and Martin VK6ZMS. Look for activity on all HF bands. QSL VK6AHR by the bureau, or direct (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

21/08/2010: Operators Peter DL4AMK, Dieter DK1AW, Joachim DJ2AS, Lutz DL3ARK, J?rgen DL2AMT and Siggi DL1AZZ plan to be active from Aro [?r?] Island (EU-172, DIA JY-003) on 21-28 August 2010 as OZ/homecalls. They will also activate the lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-072, WW Loc. JO45UG). QRV from 80-10m using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK, with 3 of their stations running 600W. A log search will be available after the expedition. Further info can be found at: www.dxclub.net/ [DL3ARK / DE0MST]

27/09/2010: Lance, W7GJ is planning a 6m EME DXpedition to Fiji between 27 September and 7 October 2010. This time period spans the optimum days of the month for 6m EME. Callsign TBA. QTH will be Sara Harvey's "Seqa Na Leqa" small resort on the nothernmost point of Viti Levu Island (OC-016, WLOTA LH-0055, WW Loc. RH92CQ), Fiji. JT65A mode will be used for all 6m EME operation on 50.190 MHz. QSL is direct to W7GJ, with SAE/SASE + sufficient funds or IRC for return postage. Further info is available at: www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Fiji2010.htm [MMMonVHF]

15/10/2010: Randy, N0TG reports that "all is going fine ref our Dxpedition to Sable Island (CY?, NA-063, CIsA NS004, WLOTA LH-0758, Grid Loc. GN03). We are definitely working hard toward a "MID-OCTOBER" time-frame. (no longer Sept as a Maybe, rather a definite Mid-October". They will be QRV 160-6m, including WARC bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Further info is forthcoming. Also check for updates at: www.cy0dxpedition.com/ [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

17/04/2010: Special event station TB90MM will be aired from Ankara, Republic of Turkey, on 17-25th April 2010 for the 90th anniversary of The Grand National Assembly of Turkey. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via TCSWAT/ Op A.K.Tevfik, TA1HZ, PO Box 73 Karakoy, Istanbul 34421, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. Website: www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TB90MM.PDF [TCSWAT]

17/04/2010: Look for special event station CV7G to be active 17-19th April 2010 in commemoration of "The Landing of 33 Oriental in Agraciada Beach" (19 April 1825). QRV 40 and 20 metre, phone only. The Treinta y Tres Orientales (Thirty-Three Easterners) was a militant revolutionary group led by Juan Antonio Lavalleja against the Empire of Brazil. Their actions culminated in the foundation of modern Uruguay. They became famous by the name of the Treinta y Tres Orientales when, in 1825, they

began an insurrection for the independence of Oriental Province--a historical territory encompassing modern Uruguay and part of modern Brazilian Rio Grande do Sul--from Brazilian control. A special QSL card will be issued for this event. QSL direct to CX7ABK (Ricardo Casarotti, 26 de Marzo 3495 - Apto.401, 11.300 Montevideo, URUGUAY. [PT2OP]

18/04/2010: Members of the Radio Operadores del Este will activate KP3RE from Canovanas, Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR006S, WLOTA 2802), as a special event station on 18 April 2010, to commemorate the life of their first Puerto Rican governor. Activity will be from the Jesus T. Pinero house-museum. They will be on the air from 40-10 metres between 1300-1900z on PSK31, SSB and possibly on CW, and also locally on 2 meters via the NP3EF-R on 147.310 MHz. They will also be commemorating 'World Amateur Radio Day 2010'. Jesus T. Pineiro, who was the first governor of Puerto Rican origin in 1946, had as one of his hobbies Amateur Radio, having the callsign 4KT and co-founder of the Porto Rico Radio Club in 1918 with friend Joaquin Agusty-4JE, founder of WKAQ-AM, one of the first radio stations of the Americas. QSL via KP3RE, bureau or direct. [OPDX Bulletin]

23/04/2010: The Amateur Radio Section of the ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archives Radio Communications/QSL Collection will operate, for only 72 hours, a special event station with the callsign OE10M during the weekend of 23-25th April 2010 (0000-2400z). OE10M is an official "International Marconi Day" station. Contacts made on Saturday, 24th April, are valid for the IMD Award. QSL via OE QSL Bureau or direct to OE1WHC. Cards without SAE and (new!) IRC or USDs to cover postage will be processed via Bureau. To see the QSL, go to: www.qsl.at/down/oe10m.jpg [OPDX Bulletin]

23/04/2010: Look for special callsign TC57A to be active from ?anakkale, Republic of Turkey, on 23-25th April 2010 to commemorate the Turkish 57th Regiment. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via TCSWAT / Op A. K. Tevfik, TA1HZ, PO Box 73 Karakoy, Istanbul 34421, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE. Website: www.ta0u.com/2010/eng/PDF/TC57A.PDF [TCSWAT]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

15/04-21/04 SV9/OH1VR: Nisos Kriti-Crete Island LH-1400 QSL HC (d/b)
17/04 W2GSB: Fire Island USA-286 WLH:K-060 LH-1922 QSL (d)
18/04 KP3RE: Puerto Rico Island LH-2802 QSL d/b
18/04-02/05 TO2R: La Reunion Island LH-1812 QSL F5UOW (d/b)
22/04-11/05 DL7VOX/P: Usedom Island FED-359 LH-1640 QSL HC (d/b)
23/04-26/04 DF0TM: Amrum Island LH-2464 QSL Buro
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SIX METERS & UP -

16/04-18/04 KP4AO: Arecibo Observatory IOTA NA-099 Grid: FK68OI
70cm EME 400W QSL QRZ.com

17/04-18/04 Ontario QSO Party 160m-70cm (http://cco.ve3xd.com/oqp/)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 14 April 2010)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

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US COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

WA7JHQ - Sterling - 3* - 4/16 to 4/17 - CW Only - ECC accepted 30/40ssb/40cw(7.185)/20/17/15/12/10 April 16th - NM: Sandoval, Rio Arriba, San Juan, CO: Montezuma, Dolores, UT: San Juan, Grand, Emery, Sevier, San Pete, Juab, Utah April 17th - UT: Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Box Elder, ID: Oneida, Cassia, Minidoka April 18th - ID: Jerome (1300z). QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

N9NE - Todd - April 17 to April 18 - SSB and CW
Michigan QSO Party. 1600z Saturday until 0400Z Sunday UTC. I plan on being Solo Mobile in these five western UP counties (in order): IROM, BARA, HOUG, ONTO, and GOGE. Will run CW and SSB on 80 (75) through 20M, and possibly 15M if the band opens. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

NE9U - Scott - APRIL 17 to APRIL 17 - SSB and CW
Michigan QSO party: 80/40/20 meters cw and ssb. Counties in order: Iron, Dickinson, Menominee, Delta, Schoolcraft, Mackinac, Chippewa, Luce, Alger, Marquette, Baraga, Houghton, Octonagon, Gogebic. Thats all the UP counties except Keweenaw. If time is on our side, we will take a quick swing up that way, but no promises. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

N4XML - Bob - 1* - April 18, 2010 to April 19, 2010 - SSB Only
Trip will be from Clinton NY to Horry SC. Will start on Sunday at 1100 UTC and traveling till dusk. On Monday I will be on the road again at 1100Z. Times posted are approximate. I will be pulling travel trailer so I will be staying on planned route which is mainly Interstate. I will not be stopping, so If you here me in one you need and I am not up you may want to move me off frequency. I will run 20 & 40 SSB. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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QSL INFORMATION -

QSLs received Bureau - None to report! Where is postman?? :o(

QSLs received Direct - 5Z?H (IK8VRH), 9X?LX (DK7LX), A25NW (K9NW), D44TXP, ER4DX (UT7ND), GJ0KYZ (QRZ.com), H4?FN [OC-065] (HA8FW), KG4JB (N7ID), LX3?AL (LX1CC), OD5/DL6SN (DO8LA), SM4OTI (QRZ.com), SV2CXI (QRZ.com), T77C (QRZ.com), TX3A (HA7RY), VP5/W5SL (hc), VP5/W5CW (hc), VP9400HW (VP9HW), WP4L (QRZ.com) and ZF2AH (W6VNR).

QSLs received LoTW - 3B9WR, S79GM.

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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) at: www.sota.org.uk/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: wff44.com/

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BITS & PIECES -

Available now Logs Online of CR6A - Odeleite DAM Isl. #4 valid for DIA Ai-36 on http://algarvedx.com

73's Algarve STAR DX Team

Hans, DJ0VZ, Silent Key - Dear Friends, we did get the sad news that our good friend Hans, DJ0VZ, did leave us at Easter Saturday, 3 April 2010.

Wilson A. Brooks, VE3OQI of Dunnville, Ontario, Canada passed away 12 April 2010.

Leonard H. Elster, VE3LA of Nepan, Ontario, Canada passed away 2 April 2010.

ZS8M/ZS1HF UPDATE: April 14

* With the SA Agulhas arrived <http://www.sailwx.info/shiptrack/shipposition.phtml?call=ZSAF> at Marion Island, the ZS8M website is also now in the public domain. Although very much under construction, it can be found here <http://www.zs8m.com/>. With limited internet access, it's conceivable Pierre will update when time permits.

March 19 from Pierre, ZS1HF/ZS8M

* In true tradition, we have an idiot pirating my callsign - ZS8M. Shame on you! Please note: ZS8M will only be operational from approx 15 May 2010. Before I get operational, I will notify you all once ready. Please do not entertain any idiot pirating my callsign before I make further announcements. My technical training is progressing well. The complete team gathers on Tuesday 23 March in Cape Town to start team training - fire fighting, first aid and cooking etc.

March 14, 2010 [OPDX]

Pierre informs that he is currently still very busy with some technical and team training. Training includes maintenance on the Wx equipment and hydrogen generator, with team training including fire fighting, cooking and first aid. The ship leaves Cape Town on April 8th, and he will arrive on Marion Island some 6 days later. The ship that take him there will unload food and cargo, and then leave 4 weeks later once the scientists have completed their work.

Once the ship and scientists leave, he will be on the air. Pierre tells that this is his first long voyage. He has sailed before, but on some of the SA Navy ships and usually on much shorter trips. On Marion Island, Pierre's job will be the resident radio and electronics technician for; HF, VHF, Wx station, Hydrogen generator, IT LAN, satellite system and all the other smaller systems that use 12 or 220V. He will be assisting the engineers with technical support. Pierre states, "One of the engineers will be writing her exam on the island, which will be a first for the island."
[Sent by Lee, ZL2AL]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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North American Checkpoint For:
World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA
http://www.wlota.com/
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
http://www.9a7k.com/
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